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FOR UNDER SECRETARY PORTER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR IC NATO

SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: MARINE GUARD AT KE-
FLAVIK MAIN GATE

REF: STATE 203653

1. I MET WITH FONMIN AGUSTSSON TODAY AS PLANNED. BECAUSE PROSPECTIVE REMOVAL OF MARINE GUARD AT MAIN GATE HAS BEEN SO FAVORABLY RECEIVED HERE BY GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE PRESS, FONMIN HAS CHAGRINED THAT HE COULD NOT BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THIS CONCESSION. HE WAS MADE HAPPY, HOWEVER, BY PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL. SUBJECT TO HIS CHECKING THE IDEA OUT WITH SECGEN OF FONMINISTRY (WHO TOLD ME IN PRIVATE HE WOULD RECOMMEND FONMIN CONCUR), WE WOULD HAVE THE CEREMONY IN FONMIN'S OFFICE WITH NEWSPAPER PHOTO COVERAGE WHERE HE AND I WILL BE LOOKING OVER THE SHOULDERS OF THE SIGNORS OF THE AGREEMENT WHO WILL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BASE AND ICELANDIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEFENSE COUNCIL. FONMIN WILL LET ME KNOW IN NEXT DAY OR TWO WHEN CEREMONY SHOULD TAKE PLACE. I URGED THAT IT BE THIS WEEK SO AS NOT TO LOSE THE MOMENTUM OF THE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY.

2. READINESS TO REMOVE MARINE HAS CAUGHT COMMUNISTS OFF GUARD. ONLY UNFAVORABLE "SOUR GRAPES" REACTION HAS BEEN FROM COMMUNIST
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PRESS WHICH HAS CAUTIONED READERS NOT TO GIVE TOO MUCH WEIGHT

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